

REMARKS

Claims 30-56 remain in this application, while claims 1-29 were previously canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action. The meaning of the term “maintained” as used in claims 38, 39, and 41 should now be apparent. It is respectfully submitted that the claims in this application now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

It is noted that prior art is not applied against claims 37-41.

Independent claims 30 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), along with dependent claims 31-36 and 42-55, as anticipated by German Patent document 100 65 724 A1 to Leimbach et al. Reconsideration is requested.

There is nothing to suggest that the Leimbach et al. system utilizes any specific way of braking wheels of a towing vehicle. Instead, the U.S. Patent application publication corresponding to the Leimbach et al. document relied on mentions nothing beyond the possibility of wheel individual braking. Each of claims 30 and 56 above requires that yaw moment is produced only via braking the front wheels of the towing vehicle. Additional braking interventions (brake moments) can be applied to the towing vehicle rear wheels, but braking of the rear wheels is done essentially constantly. It follows that braking of the rear wheels according to the present invention serves to reduce the speed of the vehicle combination. Braking of the rear wheels according to the method of claim 30 and by way of the device defined by claim 56, therefore, is performed

essentially constantly with no oscillating braking intervention, and that yaw movement is thus realized only by braking of the front wheels. These features are reflected in both currently amended claim 30 and currently amended claim 56 above, and limitations directed to these features are not met by the Leimbach et al. disclosure.

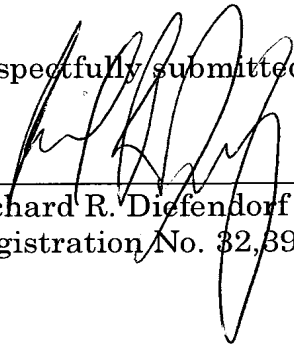
For reasons set forth above, neither currently amended claim 30 nor currently amended claim 56 is anticipated by the Leimbach et al. document. Nothing noted by the Examiner, moreover, suggests modifying the Leimbach et al. disclosure so as to meet the limitations in claim 30 or claim 56 discussed, moreover, and claims 30 and 56 should now be patentable. The rest of the claims in this application are dependent claims and should now be patentable as well.

This application is now considered to be in allowable condition. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.56285US).

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